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TAGS: PFOR, PINT, VS

SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE SOCIALISTS GIVE THEIR VIEWS TO GVN  
DELEGATION MEMBER.

REF: PARIS 10555

1. TRAN VAN AN, A FORMER GVN MINISTER AND NOW AN ADVISER WITH THE GVN DELEGATION TO THE PARIS BILATERALS, CALLED AT HIS REQUEST ON USDEL OFFICER APRIL 25. AN REPORTED THAT LEADERS OF THE VIETNAM SOCIALIST PARTY HAD COME TO SEE HIM AND HAD TOLD HIM OF A CONTACT THEY HAD MADE WITH THE PRG IN PARIS. THIS WAS EVIDENTLY THE SAME CONTACT DESCRIBED IN REFTEL, FOR AN'S VERSION OF THE CONVERSATION COINCIDES EXACTLY WITH THAT IN REFTEL. ADDITIONALLY, HOWEVER, THE VIETNAM SOCIALIST PARTY LEADERS HAD CONVEYED TO AN THEIR IMPRESSION THAT THE PRG SEEMS MORE READY TO NEGOTIATE THAN HANOI. THEY BELIEVED HANOI WISHES TO DESTROY THE RVN UTTERLY AS A LEGAL REGIME BEFORE ALL ELSE, WHEREAS THE PRG APPEARS WILLING TO BE FLEXIBLE.

2. AN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT ANY INDEPENDENT VIEWS THE PRG MIGHT HAVE ON THIS POINT WERE UNLIKELY TO CARRY MUCH WEIGHT. HE ALSO BELIEVED THAT MANY VIETNAMESE IN PARIS, INCLUDING THE VIETNAM SOCIALIST PARTY LEADERS TO WHOM  
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HE HAD SPOKEN, CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT FOR THE RVN TO

RETAIN ITS CONSTITUTIONALITY AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. THIS  
IS A SIGNIFICANT NEGOTIATING CARD.

3. THE GVN DELEGATION TO THE BILATERALS MAY TRANSMIT  
THE IDEAS OF THE VIETNAM SOCIALIST PARTY LEADERS TO  
NGUYEN XUAN PHONG IN SAIGON VIA TELEX, PROVIDED THIS CAN  
BE DONE WHILE PRESERVING CONFIDENTIALITY.  
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